

# Hernando County Radio Control Club (HCRCC)

## New Flyers Quick Reference Guide. 'New Flyers Getting Started Reference Guide'

The objective of this quick reference is to answer a few questions and get you the links and contacts that will make getting started a bit easier.

1. I want to learn how to fly RC models, so where should I start?

The first place to start is at our local flying field. Take a ride out to the field and get a lay of the land and meet some of the folks at the field. Get the names of our Club Officers and trainers who can get you on your way!

If you are close to and or interested in flying at the HCRCC field, (address below), please send an email to George Scott [gscottiii@me.com](mailto:gscottiii@me.com) . He can answer questions you may have and help you get started.

2. What do I need to fly? Membership, Insurance, is there a fee?

An AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) membership is required to fly at most flying fields as membership includes insurance required to fly at our (local) flying field. You can sign up and read more at <https://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/enroll>.

The IP program is available for newcomers for 90 days at no charge.

You will need to register with the FAA once you purchase an aircraft. (Very simple and very inexpensive.)

<https://faadronezone.faa.gov/>

In order to take "The Recreational Unmanned UAS Safety Test" (TRUST) go to <https://ModelAircraft.org/TRUST> and follow the directions.

Club Membership is required to fly at our field. See the section on our website for dues. Our club works hard to maintain the flying field. We operate on a permit with the county and are under jurisdiction on the Brooksville FAA control tower.

3. Is there a way to get flight lessons?

Our club offers free flight training with a club membership. You start with your non-solo card if you are new to flying; you fly with a trainer present and graduate to get a solo card where you are qualified to fly on your own (no trainer required).

This is not the only way to learn by any means. One of the best ways to get started is to purchase a flight simulator (listed at the end of this document). The simulator allows you to fly RC models on the computer, very accurately, so that you can get yourself oriented and learn the basics of flying. It is a great tool to work with on more advanced skills in the future and a great investment.

A trainer will usually recommend that you may purchase a simulator as this also cuts the time down that it takes you to learn how to fly safely. Each crash is super cheap as you can simply press the restart button! Below, there are links to great sites to get you excited about flying and with a ton of information.

Flite Test – Amazing Site to watch videos and learn a ton. Great for the kids and adults alike!

<https://www.flitetest.com/>

AMA: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/> Model Aviation: <http://modelaviation.com/>

FAA Drone Registry (Yes even if it is not a drone. do not worry the FAA is always confused.)

<https://faadronezone.faa.gov/>

## Hobby Shops

Hobby Town – Tampa

<https://www.hobbytown.com/tampa-fl/1115>

Graves Hobby Shop – Orlando

<https://www.gravesrc.com/?SID=288b617f9c39a607f5a07c5d57290fb4>

## Simulator and Starter Planes.

Realflight 9 <https://www.realflight.com/index.php> Make sure to touch base with your local hobby shop and or club to get a plan that works for your level!

Apprentice aircraft RTF 1.5 trainer [https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/apprentice-sts-1.5m-rtf-smart-trainer-with-safe/EFL3700.html?utm\\_campaign=search&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_source=google&gclid=Cj0KCQiAmyRBhC-ARIsABs2EApInr\\_wwWBiQZBjADY103njW3us8kkodmmN-a3VHEguvTTI9tA0aAm2CEALw\\_wcB](https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/apprentice-sts-1.5m-rtf-smart-trainer-with-safe/EFL3700.html?utm_campaign=search&utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=google&gclid=Cj0KCQiAmyRBhC-ARIsABs2EApInr_wwWBiQZBjADY103njW3us8kkodmmN-a3VHEguvTTI9tA0aAm2CEALw_wcB)